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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the document listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

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The document turned up during pre-filing activities.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study

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this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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